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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1608

Introduced by Assembly Member Wieckowski

February 7, 2012

An act to add Section ~~44274.8~~ 39617.8 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to air quality.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1608, as amended, Wieckowski. Clean Vehicle Rebate ~~Project~~. *Project and Hybrid Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project.*

Existing law ~~establishes the Air Quality Improvement Program, administered by the State Air Resources Board, to fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, air quality improvement projects related to fuel and vehicle technologies~~ *designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with coordinating efforts to attain and maintain ambient air quality standards. Existing law generally designates the state board as the state agency with the primary responsibility for the control of vehicular air pollution.*

This bill would ~~establish the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project to be administered by the California Center for Sustainable Energy and require the state board in implementing the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project, with funds made available by the state board pursuant to the Air Quality Improvement Program. The bill would require, to provide rebates be made available for the purchase of eligible medium- or heavy-duty commercial light-duty vehicles from a California manufacturer, as defined, in an amount 40% greater than the rebates made available for the purchase of eligible medium- or heavy-duty commercial light-duty vehicles not from a California manufacturer. The~~

bill also would require the state board in implementing the Hybrid Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project, with funds made available by the state board, to provide rebates for the purchase of eligible medium- or heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles from a California manufacturer, as defined, in an amount 40% greater than the rebates made available for the purchase of eligible medium- or heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles not from a California manufacturer.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section ~~44274.8~~ 39617.8 is added to the Health
2 and Safety Code, to read:
3 ~~44274.8.~~
4 39617.8. (a) ~~The~~ *(1) In implementing the Clean Vehicle*
5 *Rebate Project is hereby established within the Air Quality*
6 *Improvement Program. The project shall be administered by the*
7 *California Center for Sustainable Energy (CVRP), with funds made*
8 *available by the state board pursuant to this article. Rebates, rebates*
9 *shall be made available from those funds for the purchase of*
10 *eligible medium- or heavy-duty commercial light-duty vehicles*
11 *from a California manufacturer in an amount 40 percent greater*
12 *than the rebates made available for the purchase of eligible*
13 ~~medium- or heavy-duty commercial light-duty vehicles not from~~
14 *a California manufacturer.*
15 *(2) In implementing the Hybrid Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive*
16 *Project (HVIP), with funds made available by the state board,*
17 *rebates shall be made available from those funds for the purchase*
18 *of eligible medium- or heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles from a*
19 *California manufacturer in an amount 40 percent greater than the*
20 *rebates made available for the purchase of eligible medium- or*
21 *heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles not from a California*
22 *manufacturer.*
23 (b) (1) As used in this section, “California manufacturer” means
24 any sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or
25 other business entity that manufactures eligible vehicles in the
26 state and that meets either of the following criteria:
27 (A) The owners or policymaking officers are domiciled in the
28 state and the permanent principal office, or place of business from

1 which the manufacturer's trade is directed or managed, is located
2 in the state.

3 (B) A business or corporation, including those owned by, or
4 under common control of, a corporation, that meets all of the
5 following criteria continuously during the five years prior to selling
6 an eligible vehicle to a rebate recipient:

7 (i) Owns and operates an in-state manufacturing facility that
8 builds or manufactures eligible vehicles.

9 (ii) Is licensed by the state to conduct business within the state.

10 (iii) Employs state residents for work within the state.

11 (2) For the purposes of qualifying as a California manufacturer,
12 a distribution or sales management office or facility does not
13 qualify as a manufacturing facility.